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REPUBLICAN GAINS GIVE MEMBERSHIP OF 290 IN HOUSE

While Democrats Elected
Number 138, With 2
Seats in Doubt.

HULL REPORTED DEFEATED
BY CLOUSE IN TENNESSEE

Nonpartisan League Is Obliterated
in Northwest by Harding
Landslide.

ALL ITS NOMINEES BEATEN

One Socialist, One Prohibitionist,
One Independent and One Independent
Republican in Congress.

[By Associated Press.]
NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Congressional elections in three districts tonight had not been officially reported, and with the uncertain trend that has taken place in the Fourth and Eighth Districts of Tennessee, the Republicans still have a chance of adding to their record majority in the new House.

The Twenty-third New York District, in which six election districts are to be heard from, shows the Republican candidate leading by approximately 2,000. The district at present is represented by Richard F. McClintock, Democrat, and his defeat is not conceded by the Democrats as the missing districts are regarded as Democratic strongholds.

The other districts remaining in doubt because of the absence of official reports are the Eighth of Minnesota and the Fifth of Missouri.

Clouse Leads Hull.
Late returns from Tennessee indicated that W. F. Clouse, Republican, was leading Representative Cordell Hull by less than 300 in the Fourth District, but Republican leaders were confident that the complete returns would show a plurality of at least 1,000 for Clouse. In the Eighth District, incomplete returns gave L. L. Scott, Republican, a small lead over Gordon Browning, Democrat. The election of Hull and Browning was indicated by the early returns.

In the district that has definitely reported, the Republicans have elected 290 and the Democrats 133, including the two Tennessee seats, which tonight were placed in the doubtful column. The others include one Socialist, one Independent, one Prohibitionist and one Independent Republican.

Thus the Republicans, with 290 members, as compared with 232 in the present Congress, have made a net gain of fifty-eight members by invading many Democratic districts and filling some vacancies, while the Democrats, with 133 members, as compared with 190 in the present Congress, have suffered a loss of fifty-seven. This miscellaneous representation of four is the same numerically as before.

REPUBLICAN DELUGE
SUBMERGES NONPARTISAN
LEAGUE MOVEMENT

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—Governor Frazier, Republican, has been re-elected in North Dakota with nonpartisan league endorsement, according to advice received here tonight. Frazier had been reported running behind his Democratic opponent since election day, but the swing was toward him today by over 1,000 votes over O'Connor, whose defeat was conceded by the Fargo Forum, his chief newspaper supporter.

John Baer, nonpartisan member of Congress, was defeated by O. B. Furness, Republican, according to the latest figures.

Candidates endorsed by the nonpartisan league in Minnesota were all defeated, the nonpartisan vote showing a falling off from the June primaries.

Reports from South Dakota indicated that the league also had lost by comparison with previous elections in the State. The figures indicated the greatest loss had been in the cities, while rural districts also seemed to have gone over to the Republicans, who swept the State on Tuesday.

In Colorado, where a strong fight was made by the nonpartisan league, the party elected four members of the Legislature, while for the Senate only one candidate was successful. For the House of Representatives three league candidates were elected and thirty defeated.

Idaho returned indicated a severe defeat for the nonpartisan league. Its candidate for Governor, S. D. Fairchild, carrying only two counties. All other party candidates went down to defeat with him. One candidate for the Legislature, who had league backing, was brought tonight to have won Republican candidate winning all the State and national offices by large pluralities.

Woman Sheriff Makes Husband Her Deputy

ROSCOMMON, MICH., Nov. 5.—Mrs. Jane Johnson, aged 56, mother of three children and sheriff-elect of Roscommon County, today outlined the platform on which she will go into office next January. "I can land a bad man or a bad woman myself, if necessary," she said, "but as a matter of precaution I will appoint my husband deputy. In the intervals between searching for and caring for prisoners, I will look after my children—two girls and a boy—and the domestic duties in the county jail."

Mrs. Johnson added in case it should become necessary for her to "arrest a bad man, he will know some one has been after him."

The sheriff-elect gained her experience from her husband, who has been sheriff for the past six years and whom she married forty years ago.

PANAMA CANAL PASSAGE
TO BE ISSUE IN CONGRESS

To Fight Out Question of Freeing
American Ships of Tolls,
Pledged by Harding.

BRITISH PROTESTED OLD LAW
Following Charge of Discrimination,
President Wilson Called for
Recap of Statute and Breach of
Good Faith of Nations.

[By Universal Service.]
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The pledges of President-Elect Harding to restore to American commerce the right of free passage through the Panama Canal promise to be a dominant issue in the new Congress. Prominent men in both parties say that there is a deep-rooted feeling here that at the first opportunity the Harding policy should be put into effect.

The act which provided freedom for the toll on American ships was based on the arguments principally of Senator Knox, who was then Secretary of State. It is stated today that Senator Knox will lead the fight in Congress to restore the right to American commerce.

It is expected that Senator Knox will go back to first principles. In his discussions with the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, of the right of the United States to administer the canal, Secretary Knox pointed out that the canal, having been built by the United States, belonged to the United States and that no nation had a right to interfere with the management of the waterway by this country.

The British government, however, intimated that Great Britain still had some residuary rights in the canal even after the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. These rights, it was contended, were moral and there was valid allusion to the effect that she had even more than a moral right. It was suggested that certain parts of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty were retained in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, Great Britain had a sort of continuing territorial right. Mr. Knox, ignoring this argument as fallacious, proceeded on the theory that the canal was an American and for American interests.

Following Great Britain's violent protest against the "discrimination" involved in the free toll measure, President Wilson called upon Congress to repeal the law. He intimated to be a breach of the good faith of nations and good international morals.

Look for Another Protest.
It is expected as soon as the issue of repealing the law crystallizes in Congress, England will at once renew her protest to the State Department. Backed, however, by the pledges of the Republican presidential platform and of President-Elect Harding, and with a big majority in both houses of Congress, the result, it is said, cannot be a matter of even remote doubt.

Great Britain, it is said, may endeavor to have the question of nations formally taken up the question of nations' administration, however, undoubtedly will challenge the right of any nation or of any number of nations to interfere with the affairs of the United States.

IRISH OFFICIALS ARE ASKED
TO TESTIFY ON CONDITIONS

Given Opportunity to Tell American
Commission of Happenings in
Their Country.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—May Irish officials have been asked by the American commission on Ireland to appear before the commission at its hearings beginning November 17, to tell of happenings in their country.

The commission made public today includes the Mayors of Belfast and Londonderry, the chairman of urban councils of Thurles and Mallow, the town commissioner of Balbriggan, the acting Mayor of Cork, Mrs. Thomas MacCurtain, widow of a former Lord Mayor of Cork, and Miss Irene E. Swanzy, sister of a police inspector killed during the disorders.

MINNESOTA VOTERS DESERT
NONPARTISAN LEAGUE MEN

Candidates Indorsed by Organization
Polled Power Vote Than
at Primary.

[By Associated Press.]
ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov. 5.—Every candidate for State office, indorsed by the National Nonpartisan League, was defeated in Tuesday's election in Minnesota. The vote cast by the league choice was less than 100 in any district.

VICE-PRESIDENTS CONSIDERED FOR STEVENS' PLACE

Successor to Late C. & O.
Head Probably Will Be
Named November 18.

C. E. GRAHAM BELIEVED TO
BE FAVORED FOR POST

Selection of F. M. Whitaker
Would Be Welcomed in
Richmond.

Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will probably act on the election of a president for the road at a meeting of the board in New York City, November 18, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Stevens, who was buried yesterday. Five vice-presidents of the line are eligible for the place. It is considered highly improbable that a special meeting of the board will be called, and the election of the new president, it is believed, will go over until the regular monthly meeting. It is not believed by railroad men that the board will see fit to go outside of the official family of the Chesapeake and Ohio to find a suitable president.

Vice-presidents of the road include C. E. Graham, F. H. Davis, Garrett B. Wall, William T. Wickham and F. M. Whitaker. Messrs. Graham and Davis are of New York City. Mr. Graham is senior vice-president and G. B. Wall is vice-president in charge in Richmond. Mr. Wickham is vice-president and general counsel and Mr. Whitaker is vice-president in charge of traffic.

Probably the best known of the five here is Mr. Whitaker. It is believed that the appointment of Mr. Whitaker as president would greatly benefit Richmond, as his service as head of the traffic department of the road has given him a close view of the situation in Richmond, and he is said to know the needs of Richmond shippers and business men. However, Mr. Graham, who is senior vice-president, is said to be favored for the place.

Stock of the company, it is said, is widely held by private interests and that no certain interest is in control of the election through ownership of a percentage of the stock of the company.

GREEK PREMIER TO RETIRE
IF DEFEATED IN ELECTION

Whether Constantine Is to Return or
Not is Now Subject Before
The People.

[By Associated Press.]
ATHENS, Nov. 5.—Premier Venizelos, replying to Demetrios Gounaris, former Premier and Minister of War, turned the question of the return of Constantine to the people, after three years of exile, today said, "I guarantee that if I am defeated in the elections I will retire definitely from the political field."

The Premier said the question of the dynasty was squarely before the people. "Those who vote for the Liberal party," he said, "know that the significance of their vote is that the fallen King cannot return to the throne," he declared.

GOVERNOR OF SAMOA ENDS
HIS LIFE TO AVOID INQUIRY

American Naval Commander Terkue
Commits Suicide in Face of
Criticism.

HONOLULU, Nov. 5.—Advices from Samoa today indicate that Commander Warren A. Terkue, naval Governor of American Samoa, ended his life November 3, three days before the battleship Kansas was due to arrive with a naval board of inquiry from Washington, D. C., to investigate charges against his administration.

The Governor's body was found in the bathroom of the executive mansion with a bullet wound through the heart, according to the dispatch from Samoa.

HOLLAND PLANS TO REDUCE
ARMY NEARLY ONE-HALF

Acting Minister of War Would Cut
Force From 460,000 to
260,000.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 5.—Reduction of Holland's army by nearly one-half was proposed by the Dutch government to the Parliament today, and it is believed to be certain that the legislative branch will adopt the proposal.

The proposition was made by General W. F. P. P. van der Meulen, acting Minister of War, in recommending to the Parliament regarding the military reduction of the standing army from 460,000 to 260,000.

REFORMER MAY BECOME
A VOLUNTARY PRISONER

Thomas Mott Osborne, Millionaire
Criminologist, Willing to Enter
Maryland Penitentiary.

[By Universal Service.]
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Thomas Mott Osborne, student of criminology and millionaire, may become a voluntary prisoner in the Maryland penitentiary. It was learned today.

Mr. Osborne has, in fact, already volunteered to become a prisoner on condition that the parole be approved by the State Board of Prisoners.

MOURNING THOUSANDS PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO GEORGE W. STEVENS

Profusion of Floral Offerings Fill Chancel of Holy
Trinity Church—Railroad and Other Notables Attend
Services, Which Are Impressive.

George W. Stevens, late president of the Chesapeake and Ohio system, also head of the Hocking Valley and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad of Indiana, was laid to rest early yesterday afternoon in Hollywood Cemetery beside the grave of his wife, after a funeral service declared to be the most largely attended world who was in the possible exception of that of the late Frank Cunningham.

Flowers in the greatest profusion filled the chancel of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church when Rev. John J. Gravatt, D. D., commenced the funeral service at 2:30 o'clock. Many of the floral offerings were from organizations of railroad workers which the late magnate had either founded or been actively interested in up to the day of his death. Wednesday, at White Sulphur Springs, in his seventeenth year, almost a full career of flowers were brought from points along the Chesapeake system as far west as Columbus and Chicago in the special car carrying the chief officials of the roads which Mr. Stevens headed.

Among the leading figures in the railroad world who were at the impressive burial services in the church were President N. D. Meyer, of the Norfolk and Western, and Vice-President Needles, of the same road; also C. H. Hix, vice-president of the Virginia Railway Company; Eppa Hunton, Jr., and Norman Call, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac.

Former Governor William C. MacCorkle, of West Virginia, was present. He was for many years a close friend of Mr. Stevens, as was Frederick W. Taylor, president of the Bank of Montreal, who had been here from the Canadian city upon receipt of the news.

Alma Gluck, one of the most prominent singers of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who in private life is the wife of Efram Zimbalist, noted violinist and composer, was at the funeral with her intimate friend, Miss Helen Stevens, only daughter of the dead railroad chief.

Are Unable to Attend.
Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania; Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio; Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern; and H. E. Huntington, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake, were among the leaders of the honorary list of pall bearers who found at the last minute that pressing business would not permit them to come to Richmond to pay their final tribute of respect to Mr. Stevens.

The active pallbearers were all officials of the Chesapeake, as follows: Garrett B. Wall, vice-president in charge here; C. E. Graham, of New York, senior vice-president; A. C. Heikick, of New York, of the directorate; Meade T. Spicer, assistant to the president; H. T. Wickham, vice-president and general counsel; F. M. Whitaker, vice-president in charge of traffic; J. B. Parrish, general manager, and M. S. Connors, general manager of the Hocking Valley, representing the officials and employees of that road.

Holy Trinity Church was never before so taxed beyond its capacity and the thousands of Chesapeake and Ohio employees in this city, who were from their labors to attend the services had for the most part to content themselves with lining up in mass formation in Monroe Park, opposite the church, and paying their final mark of respect in that fashion as the bier was borne from the church doors.

General Offices Closed.
The Chesapeake and Ohio general offices in the First National Bank (Continued on Second Page.)

COX GETS 14,728 VOTES,
HARDING 4,515 IN CITY

Election Commissioners Complete
Arduous Task of Canvassing
Returns.

Scratch Both Candidates
Board of Canvassers Finds Numerous
Reasons for Invalidity, Among
Them Being a Number of Blank
Ballots.

Returns from the national, State and city elections held in Richmond last Tuesday and canvassed by the Board of Election Commissioners Thursday, were announced yesterday for the first time after being certified by the board and attested by Clerk Walter Christian.

The official count, as certified, shows that the total number of ballots cast in the four wards was 23,882 and the total number of ballots cast for Treasurer and certified by the board was 22,552. The difference between the vote cast and the vote counted and certified, which is 1,290, shows the number of ballots thrown out as defective or for other reasons invalid. The discrepancy between the vote for President and Treasurer is partly due to the fact that many scratched both presidential candidates.

Besides the ballots rendered defective by improper marking the canvassing board found blank ballots, those which had been merely folded by the voter and handed to the election officers to be dropped in the boxes.

Cox Plurality 10,363.
The official count, which gave Cox and Roosevelt a plurality of 10,363, confirmed City Democratic Chairman John M. Purcell as a champion forerunner. At midnight of election day, Chairman Purcell, at Democratic headquarters, gave out an estimate of Cox's plurality. He allowed for defective ballots which would not be included in the official count and fixed the total of the plurality at 10,360. The certified returns show that the (Continued on Second Page.)

Cox Would Not Retrace Single Step
in Democracy's Fight for Principle

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Nov. 5.—On his return to Columbus Friday Governor Cox issued his first and only statement since the election. "For the first time in ten years, the Republican party is in complete control of the legislative and executive branches of the national government. Therefore, policy as to statute and administration is with it. Its task is no longer that of the critic but the constructor. It is my hope, and firm belief that the Democracy of the nation will not attempt political sabotage."

"The country has seen quite enough of that. We are in the midst of emergency, and the nation's every resource should be directed in behalf of things that are vital. So long as government is in the hands of the people, I am as proud as when the light started. I would not retrace a step nor yield a single jot in principle. It was a privilege to make the contest for the right in the face of overwhelming odds. There is a distinct difference between defeat and surrender. The symbol of Democracy still flies as the symbol of things more enduring than the passions and resentments that come with the aftermath of war."

RAILWAY FINANCE OFFICERS COMING ON NOVEMBER 10

Three-Day Meeting of Organization
Opens Here on Wednesday.

EIGHTY-SEVEN ROADS TO BE
REPRESENTED AT SESSIONS

Governor, Mayor, Senator Glass
and President Hill, of First
National, Are Speakers.

Financial officials of eighty-seven railroads located on the North American continent will be in Richmond Wednesday to attend the opening session of the fourteenth annual convention of the Society of Railway Financial Officers, which opens in the Jefferson Hotel auditorium at 10 o'clock on the morning of November 10. Eighty-seven roads will be represented and thirty-five others may have financial officers at the meeting.

Senator Carter Glass, John M. Miller, Jr., president of the First National Bank; Governor Davis, Mayor Ainslie and several other local men are on the program for addresses during the convention.

D. K. Kellogg, treasurer of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, is chairman of the committee on arrangements, and John A. Handcock, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad; M. Middleton, of the Southern; and J. S. Sneyd, of the Philadelphia and Reading, are members. H. R. Wheeler, of the B. & O. R. R., will preside. He is president of the organization.

A meeting of the executive committee is scheduled to be held directly before the opening session of the convention. Members of the committee are Byron Casell, of the C. & I. L.; C. J. Ernst, C. B. & Q.; F. H. Hamilton, St. L. & S. F.; A. R. Jones, C. & N.; J. P. Reeves, C. & E. I.; J. S. Sneyd; J. G. Sidger, W. & L. E.; H. R. Wheeler, of the B. & O. R. R.; W. Morrison, of the Pennsylvania.

Governor and Mayor to Speak.
At the opening session, addresses by the Governor and Mayor, address of the president and reports of the executive committee and treasurer will be in order.

The second session of the convention will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday, and will open with an address by John M. Miller, Jr., treasurer of the Pennsylvania Lines, West, will discuss "Personality in Business," at this session.

Notice of Claims for Order
Notify Shippers Delivered With
Surrender of Bill of Lading, will be subject of an address by J. T. Reid, treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

More than fifty women, who will be served by the Jefferson for guests of the convention, will be entertained Wednesday at the Country Club of Virginia at a luncheon. At 4 o'clock the Kiwanis Club will take the visitors on an automobile tour of the city, and at 7 o'clock supper will be served at the Jefferson for guests and their wives. A round table discussion will take place and several musical numbers will be rendered.

Draw Memorial Resolutions.
On the second day of the convention C. A. Clark, former treasurer of the Northern Pacific Railroad (now deceased), will be the subject of memorial resolutions, which will be drawn up at the session. Similar resolutions for D. W. Bigelow, former treasurer of the Erie Railroad, also will be drawn. The report of Mr. Kellogg, who is chairman of the membership committee, will then be heard.

At 11 o'clock F. H. Hamilton, treasurer of the St. Louis and San Francisco, will preside.

INVESTS IN "RYE WHISKY,"
GETS DEADLY CONCOCTION

E. Davis' \$5,000 Worth of Liquor
Turns Out to Be Alcohol and
Chloroform.

[By Associated Press.]
MONTREAL, QUE., Nov. 5.—Five hundred cases of "rye whisky," for which he paid \$5,000, were found to contain a "concoction of wood alcohol, chloroform and so on," when delivered in the United States, E. Davis, of Detroit, testified today in the trial of J. A. Pesant and R. Ricco, alleged traffickers in spirits.

Davis said he came to Montreal last May, bought the "whisky" and had it shipped to a Detroit produce dealer as a carload of potatoes.

Pesant and Ricco are charged with obtaining money under false pretenses and with having used a false trade mark.

ISSUE WARRANTS FOR 3 IN
"BUILDING TRUST" SCANDAL

Law Scores First Point in Fight and
Officers Search City for Indicted
Persons.

[By Associated Press.]
NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Forces of the law scored their first point today in the fight against the alleged "building trust," when bench warrants were issued for the arrest of three persons, indicted by the additional grand jury investigating the scandal. Officers immediately searched the city, and initial arrests were looked for soon. George Backer, millionaire builder, was directed to be present at court tomorrow morning with bail of \$25,000. He had appeared at Criminal Court Building, with his (Continued on Second Page.)

Man In Jail Wins Race for County Judgeship

WHITESBURG, KY., Nov. 5.—Probably the most unusual outcome of Tuesday's election in Kentucky, was the victory of Fess Whitaker, jailer, of Whitesburg, over Stephen Combs, Jr., in the race for county judge. Whitaker having been sentenced to his own jail for a term of six months by Judge Combs on the charge of attacking county officers, including the sheriff.

After being placed in the jail of which he was legal keeper, Whitaker, escaped, was recaptured and again sentenced for jail-breaking. Following the election, the most exciting campaign known to the mountains of Kentucky, Whitaker, though in jail, won over Judge Combs by more than 1,000 majority. Governor Morrow has three times refused to pardon Whitaker.

"BIG THREE" IN EUROPE
FORM TURKISH POLICY

France, England and Italy Reach
Agreement Regarding Eastern
Rights.

DOCUMENT SIGNED AUGUST 10
Each Power Pledges Diplomatic
Support in Maintaining Others'
Interests—Bagdad Railway to Be
Exploited by Combined Capital.

PARIS, Nov. 5.—France, Great Britain and Italy have signed a tripartite agreement in which they undertake to support each other in maintaining their "spheres of influence" in Turkey. The limits of the areas in which the respective spheres of interests of France and Italy are recognized are defined by the same document.

This agreement, it developed today, was signed at Sevres, August 10, the day the public ceremonial of the signing of the peace treaty in Turkey took place. Also signed the agreement, it is explained, is not considered a secret one, it nevertheless has never been made public until now. Under its own terms, the document was to come into force and be published at the time the Turkish peace treaty should go into effect. This date is still an uncertainty.

It is noted that, while the agreement does not take the form of an alliance, it pledges the contracting powers to "render diplomatic support to each other in maintaining their respective portions in Asia, where their special interests are recognized."

One section of the document provides for the exploration of the Bagdad railway by a company in which British, French and Italian capital is equally interested.

Article ten of the agreement provides that nothing contained in it shall prejudice the rights of nationals of nonsignatory states to free access to various areas for commercial and economic purposes.

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISTS FACE
FOOD FAMINE THIS WINTER

Lening and Trotsky Admit Crisis Is
Reached and Soviet Is in
Danger.

[By Associated Press.]
LONDON, Nov. 5.—The Russian Bolshevik Premier, Vladimir Lenin, today admitted the seriousness of the food situation in Russia. A Central News dispatch from Copenhagen quotes him as writing in the Russian newspaper, Proletarskaja Pravda, as follows: "Soviet Russia never before has experienced such a food crisis. Moscow and other cities are paralyzed by famine and the army is becoming famished. It is necessary for us to use all means in our power to enforce delivery of foodstuffs by the peasants."

Writing in the same paper, Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Minister of War and Marine, says: "We want to see rebellions in other countries, so as to render an attack upon our country impossible. The Red army is in dire need of food and clothing, and these needs are not supplied immediately all our efforts will be futile."

2 ARE KILLED WHEN C. & O.
TRAIN JUMPS TRACK

Fatal Accident Occurs Near Meaville,
Division.

[By Associated Press.]
KNOXVILLE, TENN., Nov. 5.—Two men killed, one seriously injured and the other put in dire need of medical attention, were killed and injured when a C. & O. mixed train was derailed near Meaville, N. C., on the Black Mountain division, this afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, according to advice received by the Journal Tribune.

The dead are Mrs. Justus, wife of Dr. Justus, Marion, N. C.; and Dr. Justus, traveling salesman, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Seriously injured: Conductor Joe Goodlin, Erwin, Tenn.

Alvarado Disclaims Bolshevism.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Nov. 5.—General Salvador Alvarado, Minister of Finance of Mexico in a telegram to Mexican Consul T. R. Beltrán, received here today, said he recently was misquoted by Mexican and American newspapers when it was reported he had declared himself a Bolshevik, in a statement made in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies.

British Helms Menace Opium.

PLYMOUTH, ENG., Nov. 5.—The customs authorities here are said to have seized a large quantity of opium on board the British steamers War Matron and War Subways. Both vessels were en route to India.

HARDING PREPARES FOR GROUND WORK OF HIS PEACE PLAN

Country's 'Leading Minds'
Invited to Discuss Association
of Nations.

TO MEET NEXT PRESIDENT
AT MARION IN DECEMBER

Republicans and Democrats
Will Try to Formulate Acceptable
Foreign Policy.

URNS DOWN WARSHIP OFFER

Successful Candidate Already Had
Arranged Plans for Vacation
Trip to Texas and Panama.

[By Associated Press.]
MARION, OHIO, Nov. 5.—Senator Harding already has begun fulfillment of his campaign promise to consult the nation's leading minds with regard to a new association of nations, and he hopes that by the time of his inauguration next March he will have laid the ground work of a plan behind which the sentiment of the country can unite.

A list of those to be consulted first has been drawn up, and invitations are going forward to several to come to Marion at the conclusion of the month's vacation trip, which is to be started by the president-elect tomorrow morning. Both Republicans and Democrats are to present their views in individual and personal talks with Mr. Harding during the winter months, but he does not contemplate for the present at least any general assembly of his advisers for round-table discussions.

List Not Made Public.
The names of those already invited have not been made public, but it was said in an announcement from the President-elect's office tonight that a list of women who have been prominent in the discussion of foreign relations" made up the list. Additions will be made during Mr. Harding's vacation trip, it was added, although no consideration will be given by him during that period to the subject of the cabinet.

The announcement followed a conference between Senator Harding and Will H. Hays, who, as Republican national chairman, led the campaign for Harding and Coolidge. Neither revealed what subjects they had discussed, but it was understood the chairman of the Republican campaign, at Mr. Harding's request, had to do both with the campaign just closed and with the policies to be shaped for the coming administration.

The objective of the Senator's trip is to form a list of men, and, although he plans to discuss the subject of his time there hunting and fishing, and of his close campaign advisers, Harry M. Daugherty, will accompany him. It is taken for granted there will be some discussion of policies and administrative programs between the two.

Declines President's Offer.
Today Mr. Harding declined an offer of President Wilson to provide him with a battleship for the voyage to the Panama Canal Zone, which is to be a twelve-day stay at Point Isabel. In reply to a telegram from Secretary Daniels, the President-elect wired that he was thankful but already had closed an agreement to make the trip on a passenger liner.

Secretary Daniels' telegram to the President-elect follows: "The President desires me to say that, having heard that you contemplate a visit to the Panama Canal Zone, he had directed me to place a warship at your disposal. I am also authorized to inform you that the use of the Mayflower for connection at Hampton Roads. Please assure the President of my grateful appreciation of his consideration, but cannot accept because I am traveling by rail. I have booked date to leave for you if that suits your convenience. It will give me pleasure to make such arrangement as will be suitable to you."

To which Senator Harding made this reply: "I most gratefully acknowledge your gracious telegram in which you convey the President's thoughtful interest in directing a warship to be placed at my disposal for a contemplated trip to the Panama Canal Zone. I am sure that the President's use of the Mayflower for connection at Hampton Roads. Please assure the President of my grateful appreciation of his consideration, but cannot accept because I am traveling by rail. I have booked date to leave for you if that suits your convenience. It will give me pleasure to make such arrangement as will be suitable to you."

"I thank you also for your courtesy." It was said at Harding headquarters tonight that a hitch over the sailing schedule had been adjusted, and that the President-elect's liner got out of the repair yards to pick up the party at Galveston had been abandoned. Under the present plan the departure will be made from New Orleans, to which point the Senator and Mrs. Harding and their guests will go from Point Isabel by rail. The sailing date, however, has not been announced.